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NOTICE OF FOCUS GROUP MEETING

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODES

The Division of Codes and Standards of the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has scheduled a focus group meeting on the development of the California building codes based on the International Codes. The meeting is scheduled on **October 12, 2005**, from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, at the following location (Note: Map enclosed.)

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1901 Broadway, Suite D
Sacramento, CA 95818

We are contacting you because of your expertise, your expressed interest in building code related issues, and/or your history of working with HCD.

The purpose of this meeting is to solicit your input on the process and to establish a working group committed to the development of building codes for the health, life safety, and general welfare for residential occupancies in California. The group will work within the time-frames of the workplan established by HCD and assist staff to ensure that the codes are consistent with all applicable laws and also offer the utmost utility and benefits to our stakeholders: consumers, builders, and owners. We anticipate that this process will necessitate several meetings per month, plus review of materials, from October 2005 through approximately February 2006.

In an effort to make this endeavor as effective as possible, after the first meeting HCD will attempt to balance the members of the focus group among the various interested participants, and possibly limit the overall size, if necessary.

If you plan to attend this focus group meeting, please advise Ms. Dee Benbow by October 10th via email at dbenbow@hcd.ca.gov or at 916-327-2801.

Additionally, if you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue further, please contact Dave Walls, State Housing Law Program Manager, at (916) 445-9471 or by email at dwalls@hcd.ca.gov.